

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 487  
By Shirley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Edwin Hubbard,  
Germantown Music Director, on being selected  
Lions Club 1995 Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and honor those citizens who benefit the culture of our state and our communities; and

WHEREAS, Germantown Music Director, Edwin Hubbard, who has been delighting Memphis and national audiences for decades with his original and unique sounds, is one such talented person; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbard was recently selected as the Lions Club Germantown Citizen of the Year and will be honored at a dinner March 18, 1996, at the Germantown Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, he began playing professionally at the age of ten, performing superbly with both his father's and grandfather's orchestras; and

WHEREAS, he soon became the youngest conductor in the state when he made his conducting debut at the age of fifteen, conducting the junior high and senior high school bands and the local orchestra and chorus; and

WHEREAS, as Senior Class valedictorian and President of the National Honor Society, Mr. Hubbard received a United States Congressional appointment to West Point, but turned it down for a music scholarship to Louisiana State University, where he was appointed assistant

opera conductor; and

WHEREAS, while at L.S.U., he majored in clarinet, conducting and composition, played oboe and English horn with the Baton Rouge Symphony, became the assistant conductor of the school Symphony Orchestra and won the prestigious Theodore Presser Award for Conducting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbard received his Master of Music degree with distinction and pursued his doctorate at North Texas State University, where he studied composition with Samuel Adler and conducting with Paul Kletzski; and

WHEREAS, drafted into the United States Army, he was appointed to Special Services, where he was a drum major, conductor and performer throughout the east coast; and

WHEREAS, upon his discharge, Mr. Hubbard conducted for Johnny Desmond for a year at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas before coming to Memphis where he was the co-founder of Pepper-Tanner Broadcast Music, writing and conducting more than five thousand radio and television commercials; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, he was the music director for N.B.C., conducting orchestras for the Dean Martin Show and the Andy Williams Show; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, his jazz recordings won the Best Album of the Year; in 1986, he was the recipient of the Grammy's Premier Player Award and was appointed artist-in-residence at Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis where he produces Jazz Masses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbard won first and second place at the 1992 New York Film Festival International Awards for his writing and conducting of his scores and, in 1993, won the Silver Hugo Award from the Chicago Film Festival; and

WHEREAS, he has been a frequent guest artist with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, the Germantown Symphony Orchestra and a guest artist and conductor at the popular Warfield Concert Series, in Helena, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbard performs and conducts his music throughout the United States and Canada and has written and produced ten albums of highly regarded flute music on his own label, Prana Records; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 1996, he conducted the Germantown Symphony Orchestra in its Imperial Gala; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize a distinguished citizen who has made a major contribution to our culture; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Edwin Hubbard on being named 1995 Germantown Lions Club Citizen of the Year and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.